

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-5, 7, 9-14, and 16-20 are currently pending and have been rejected by the Examiner in the pending Office Action. The applicants have amended their claims to distinguish the invention they disclose from the Leavens invention and the other prior art cited by their Examiner, and included the cancellation of some original claims. A listing of the current status of all claims has been provided with this response, with amendments thereto being identified by 'underlining' and 'strike-through' markings, with the language added marked by underlining and language deleted being denoted by the 'strike-through' markings. The applicants believe that no new matter has been added by the changes to their claims proposed herein. Further, remarks are presented below that demonstrate how the changes made herein to the claims cause the invention disclosed thereby to be distinguished from Leavens and the other prior art cited by the Examiner. Thus, the applicants now request reconsideration by the Examiner and allowance of their amended and new claims 1-5, 7, 9-14, and 16-23.